How Do You Request a Name Correction on a Delta Ticket?

QUICK ANSWER:

Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and tell the agent you have a minor spelling error on your ticket. Provide your confirmation code, the incorrect spelling currently on the ticket, and the correct spelling as shown on your government ID. The agent corrects the name during the call in 2-5 minutes at no charge. An updated confirmation email is sent immediately. Name corrections cannot be done online. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for all corrections.

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HOW TO FIX A SPELLING ERROR ON YOUR DELTA TICKET:

1. Determine if you need a correction (typo fix) or legal change (new name)

2. For corrections: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with confirmation code and correct spelling from ID

3. For legal changes: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with marriage cert, divorce decree, or court order

4. For wrong person: cancel and rebook (within 24 hrs = $0, after = eCredit + new ticket)

5. Name changes are phone-only — call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as the only processing channel

6. Have documents ready before calling for fastest processing

7. International: have passport open to data page for MRZ name format

8. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent determines the right process for your situation

What Is the Step-by-Step Process for a Name Correction?

Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and say: "I have a spelling error on my ticket. My confirmation code is [6-character code]. The ticket currently shows [wrong name] but my government ID shows [correct name]." The agent pulls up your booking, verifies the correction against your ID description, updates the name in the reservation, and sends an updated confirmation email with the corrected name. The entire process typically takes 2-5 minutes. There is no charge for minor corrections. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your confirmation code and correct spelling ready for the fastest processing.

For clarity during the call, spell the correct name letter by letter. Use the NATO phonetic alphabet if the name contains sounds that could be confused over the phone: "S as in Sierra, M as in Mike, I as in India, T as in Tango, H as in Hotel." This precision prevents the agent from introducing a new error while correcting the original one. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and spell the correct name slowly and clearly for error-free correction.

What Types of Errors Qualify as a Name Correction?

Corrections that Delta processes for free include: fixing 1-3 character errors such as "Micheal" to "Michael" or "Jhon" to "John," correcting transposed letters such as "Smtih" to "Smith," adding a middle name that was omitted during booking such as adding "Michael" to "John Smith" to make "John Michael Smith," removing a middle name that was incorrectly included, fixing common abbreviation issues such as "Wm" to "William," and correcting first-last name reversal where the names were entered in the wrong fields. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for any of these correction types at no charge.

The boundary between a free correction and a chargeable change is at the agent's discretion. The key principle is that the passenger identity remains the same person. "Jon" to "John" is clearly the same person with a typo. "Robert" to "Michael" is clearly a different name. Borderline cases like "Robert" to "Roberto" may require more discussion with the agent. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and explain your specific situation for the agent's assessment. Being polite and having your ID ready strengthens your case for free correction processing.

Can You Correct a Name on the Day of Travel?

Yes, name corrections can be processed by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961 up until your flight departs. However, calling well before your travel day is strongly recommended because it gives the correction time to propagate through all systems including check-in, boarding pass generation, and TSA databases. A correction made days before travel ensures everything is updated and synchronized before you arrive at the airport. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as soon as you notice any name error, ideally at least 24 hours before departure.

Same-day corrections made by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961 work but are more stressful because you are correcting the name while the departure clock is ticking. Airport gate agents have limited ability to process name changes in their systems and typically need to call the same reservations desk you would call at +1➤855➤203➤2961. Calling ahead eliminates this airport stress entirely. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with enough lead time to ensure a relaxed, accurate correction.

What If the Agent Says Your Correction Requires Reissuance?

For genuinely minor corrections such as 1-3 character typo fixes, reissuance should not be required. The agent should be able to update the name field directly without cancelling and reissuing the ticket.

If an agent insists that a clearly minor correction requires reissuance and a fare difference, politely ask whether the change can be processed as a simple correction instead. If the agent maintains that reissuance is necessary, ask for a supervisor who may have more flexibility. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 again with a different agent if the supervisor is unavailable.

Legitimate reasons for reissuance on a "correction" include situations where the name difference is substantial enough that the system treats it as a new passenger, such as changing a first name entirely. The distinction can be subjective. When the correction clearly involves the same person with a minor typo, push for free correction processing. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and clearly describe why the error is a typo, not a name change, to support your case for free processing.

How Do You Correct a Name on an International Ticket?

International ticket name corrections require extra care because your ticket name must match your passport's machine-readable zone exactly. The MRZ at the bottom of the passport data page may format your name differently than the visual name field. When you call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for an international ticket correction, open your passport to the data page and read the name from the bottom two lines rather than from the visual field above. This ensures the correction matches what airport systems check during international check-in. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your passport open.

Hyphenated names, suffixes (Jr., III), names with diacritical marks, and multi-part surnames may appear differently in the MRZ versus the visual field. The MRZ uses only uppercase Latin letters without special characters, so "O'Brien" may appear as "OBRIEN" and "García" as "GARCIA." Tell the agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 exactly what the MRZ shows. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and specify that you are correcting for international travel so the agent applies the passport-format standard.

What If the Correction Was Caused by Delta's Agent?

If a Delta phone agent introduced the spelling error during the original booking call, the correction must be made at no charge and without any question about whether it qualifies as a correction. The airline made the mistake and bears responsibility for fixing it. When you call +1➤855➤203➤2961, mention the date and approximate time of the original booking call so the agent can reference the interaction. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and state clearly: "The error was made by your agent during my phone booking on [date]."

If the correction agent questions the free processing for an agent-introduced error, ask for a supervisor. Delta takes responsibility for errors made by its staff. The supervisor can review the booking history to confirm the original agent's entry. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and escalate if needed, as agent-caused errors are always corrected without charge or complication.

Do You Get Updated Documents After a Correction?

Yes, after the agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 processes the name correction, an updated confirmation email is sent within minutes containing the corrected name, your unchanged confirmation code, all flight details, and your seat assignments. If you have already checked in, your boarding pass may need to be regenerated. The agent handles this during the same call. If you had a mobile boarding pass in the Fly Delta app, it updates automatically. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and verify that the updated confirmation and boarding pass reflect the correct name before ending the call.

Save the updated confirmation email as your primary booking reference. If you printed a boarding pass with the incorrect name, discard it and use the new digital version or reprint from the updated confirmation. At the airport, any self-service kiosk can generate a boarding pass with the corrected name using your confirmation code. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 if the correction does not appear on your boarding pass within 24 hours of the change.

How Do You Prevent Name Errors in Future Bookings?

The most common causes of name errors are typing too quickly during online booking, relying on memory instead of looking at the ID, and auto-fill features inserting incorrect information from browser profiles. To prevent errors: have your government ID in hand while booking and type the name directly from the ID, disable browser auto-fill for name fields, review each passenger's name letter by letter on the confirmation screen before paying, and verify the confirmation email immediately after booking. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for phone bookings and spell each name letter by letter for the agent to enter accurately.

When booking for multiple passengers, the error rate increases because travelers often enter names from memory rather than from each person's ID. When booking for a spouse, child, or travel companion, ask them to verify their name spelling from their ID rather than entering what you think their name is. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent reads back each name for verbal confirmation before finalizing the booking, adding an extra verification layer that online booking lacks.

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Name Change vs Correction Comparison

Situation	Type	Cost	Documents	Process
Typo: "Jon" to "John"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix

Missing middle name added	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix
Transposed letters: "Smtih" to "Smith"	Name correction	Free	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 2-5 min fix
Marriage: maiden to married name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Marriage cert + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Divorce: married to maiden name	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Divorce decree + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Court-ordered name change	Legal name change	Possible fare difference	Court order + new ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 5-10 min
Different person entirely	Not allowed (transfer)	Cancel + rebook cost	N/A	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 cancel + rebook
Wrong name within 24 hours of booking	24-hour cancel + rebook	$0 (DOT rule)	Government ID	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 cancel + rebook

How Does Delta Compare to Other Airlines?

Policy	Delta	American	United	Southwest	Alaska	JetBlue
Minor spelling correction	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone only	Free phone/app	Free phone only	Free phone only
Legal name change	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs	Allowed with docs
Transfer to different person	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed	Limited some fares	Not allowed	Not allowed
Name change method	Phone only	Phone only	Phone only	Phone or app	Phone only	Phone only
Reissuance for legal	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	May require fare diff	No reissuance	May require fare diff	May require fare diff

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People Also Ask

Q: What is the difference between a name change and name correction on Delta?

A name correction fixes small errors on the same person's ticket: typos, transposed letters, middle name additions. It is free and processed in 2-5 minutes. A legal name change updates the ticket to reflect a new legal name after marriage, divorce, or court order, requiring documentation and possible ticket reissuance with fare difference. Both require calling +1➤855➤203➤2961 because name modifications are phone-only on Delta.

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Q: Is a Delta name correction free?

Yes, minor name corrections are free. Fixing 1-3 character errors, correcting transposed letters, and adding or removing a middle name cost nothing when you call +1➤855➤203➤2961. The agent corrects the name during the call in 2-5 minutes and sends an updated confirmation email. The key requirement is that the passenger identity remains the same person. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for free corrections.

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Q: How much does a Delta legal name change cost?

There is no separate name change fee. The only potential cost is a fare difference if the ticket requires reissuance and the current fare is higher than your original purchase price. Minor corrections never require reissuance. Legal name changes may require reissuance depending on the extent of the change. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent discloses any fare difference before processing.

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Q: Can you change a Delta ticket to a different person?

No, Delta tickets are non-transferable. You cannot change the passenger to a completely different person. The alternatives are: cancel for eCredit or cash refund and have the new person book separately, or use the 24-hour DOT rule to cancel and rebook under the correct name for free within 24 hours of booking. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for the cancel-and-rebook process.

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Q: What documents do you need for a Delta name change?

For corrections: government ID showing the correct spelling. For post-marriage: marriage certificate plus updated ID. For post-divorce: divorce decree plus updated ID. For court-ordered changes: court order plus updated ID. The agent at +1➤855➤203➤2961 may request emailed copies. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with your documents ready.

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Q: Can you change a name on Delta online?

No, all name corrections and changes on Delta require calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. The website and Fly Delta app cannot process name modifications because the agent must verify the correction against a government ID before making changes. The phone process is quick, typically 2-5 minutes for corrections. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for all name modifications.

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Q: What happens if your name does not match your ID?

TSA compares your ticket name to your government ID under the Secure Flight program. Minor discrepancies like a missing middle name may be allowed. Significant mismatches can cause additional screening or boarding denial. Fix any discrepancy before travel by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. International flights require exact passport match. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as soon as you notice any name error.

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Q: Can you fix a name on a Delta award ticket?

Yes, same rules apply. Minor corrections are free. Legal changes require documentation. Transfers to different people are not allowed. For wrong-person bookings, cancel the award (miles redeposited with possible fee, Diamond members free) and rebook under the correct name. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for award ticket name modifications.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Correction or change?

A: Correction: typo, same person, free. Change: new legal name, docs required. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to determine.

Q: Cost?

A: Corrections free. Legal changes: possible fare diff. 24-hour fix: $0. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for exact cost.

Q: Documents?

A: ID for corrections. Marriage cert/divorce decree/court order for legal. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 with docs ready.

Q: Phone only?

A: Yes. Website and app cannot process name modifications. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for all name changes.

Q: Transfer?

A: Not allowed. Cancel + rebook under new name. Within 24 hrs: $0 per DOT. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961.

Q: Award ticket?

A: Same rules. Corrections free. Legal with docs. Cancel returns miles. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961.

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